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| Application No. 10/596,057 |) Examiner: Devang R. Patel |
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REPLY (RCE) TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 13, 2009

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

This is a Reply to the Final Office Action mailed November 13, 2009. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date. Additionally, February 13-14, 2010, fall on a Saturday and Sunday, and February 15, 2010, falls on a Federal holiday (Presidents' Day), making this Response due on or before February 16, 2010. Accordingly, the time period for response is February 13, 2010, and this Reply is submitted within that time limit. A request for continued examination (RCE) has been filed concurrently with this Reply. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in the present Application in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.